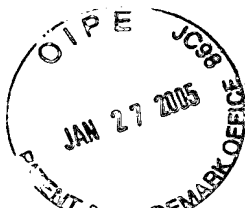


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Dear SPE Vincent Millin:

A formal request for status on the above-referenced application was filed on November 9, 2004.

We have yet to receive a response to our request. Accordingly, we would appreciate your assistance in ensuring prompt issuance of a response to our request.

Please feel free to contact the undersigned should you have any questions regarding this communication or the previously submitted status request.

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